

entities to collect health data in the aftermath of an event. These awards can be made in advance of the event for immediate response.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE BREAST CANCER PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

**HON. LUIS FORTUÑO**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 26, 2006*

Mr. FORTUÑO. Mr. Speaker, today I express my strong support for H.R. 1849, the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act. Breast cancer adversely affects hundreds of thousands of American women and their families each year. Introduced by Representatives SUE KELLY and ROSA DELAURO, this bill would require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations. H.R. 1849, in conjunction with its Senate companion bill, S. 901, represents an important bicameral effort to improve and ensure the health of American women.

I strongly believe that H.R. 1849 is a valuable tool to provide effective health care and recovery support to those impacted by breast cancer.

#### HONORING THE ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2006*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and special privilege to address this great body on such an auspicious occasion. The Centennial Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., commenced yesterday, marking 100 years from the fraternity's founding in Ithaca, NY, at Cornell University. This week in Washington, DC, men from every discipline and geographic location convene to chart and plan for the fraternity's future, celebrate its 100th anniversary, and reinvigorate its founding principles, scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity.

As a proud member of this fraternity, I feel special esteem in recognizing the historical significance of the centennial anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. I joined the ranks of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., as an undergraduate student at Florida A&M University to follow in the footsteps of many great men before me, such as W.E.B. DuBois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, and Paul Robeson.

I am pleased to join with the entire House in recognizing the fraternity's 100th anniversary with the passage of H. Con. Res. 384, "Recognizing and honoring the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans." I commend my brethren and the

leadership of the organization for the achievements and accomplishments made thus far. On this historic occasion let us march forth to lay the groundwork for another 100 years.

#### IN HONOR OF REVEREND RICHARD KEVIN BARNARD

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 26, 2006*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to welcome my pastor, Reverend Richard Kevin Barnard. I am honored Father Barnard is here today to lead us in glory and praise of our Almighty. Reverend Barnard has served as Rector of The Chapel of the Cross—a Reformed Episcopal Church—since July of 1989. He has also served Reformed Episcopal Congregations in New Jersey and New York.

Before coming to The Chapel, Father Barnard was Director of Communications for the International Bible Society, which was then located in East Brunswick, NJ. In that capacity he was a regular participant in the monthly White House Forum for Religious Organizations during the Reagan Administration and represented the Bible Society at public and private events, traveling to Central America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

Father Barnard is the author of two books and numerous articles, and is also a Past Master of Roy Stanley Masonic Lodge in Dallas.

Before becoming a Reformed Episcopalian, the Reverend Barnard was a Baptist pastor, serving congregations in Missouri, Florida and Tennessee. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible College, Springfield, MO, and holds the Master of Divinity Degree from Cummins Theological Seminary, a Reformed Episcopal seminary in Summerville, SC.

Father Barnard is married to the former Miss Paula Ann Henderson of Fort Worth, TX. They have four children and two grandchildren. Their youngest son, Adam, is currently serving aboard in USS *Los Angeles* (SSN 688), stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Father Barnard's gracious presence and true dedication to the work and word of Christ is an instrumental part of my life. He guides his flock diligently and challenges us to remain faithful to pursuing our walk with Christ daily. I am thankful for his leadership and his presence here today. It is truly and honor.

#### NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS ACT OF 2006

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 24, 2006*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 203, the National Heritage Areas Act. This bill contains a small package of resource conservation and management bills, including the Senate passed version of one of my bills—H.R. 18, the Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act.

The Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act will fund \$25 million for the

cleanup of a rocket fuel additive that has contaminated groundwater supplies in the Santa Ana watershed, namely, the Rialto-Colton basin and the Chino basin.

Cities in the Inland Empire of Southern California are closing their groundwater wells due to contamination from this fuel and explosive called perchlorate.

This chemical is a volatile organic compound and has been found to be harmful to thyroid function.

From most accounts, 90 percent of perchlorate in water comes from a federal source, primarily from former military sites and other Department of Defense installations.

Three hundred nineteen groundwater wells are impacted in California alone—78 of them in my district.

This bill includes a similar provision for contamination in Representative POMBO's region.

Perchlorate doesn't just affect the drinking water supply, but our food supply as well. A 2003 study found perchlorate in lettuce grown in areas where the water supply is contaminated with perchlorate.

And, perchlorate has even been found in milk.

Hardworking families in my region, which has and has had large military and aerospace facilities, are not at fault and should not have to pay for a federally created problem.

The communities I represent cannot afford costly toxic cleanup and the alternative is no better.

Cities are being forced to raise water rates to outrageous levels, forgo dust control on highways to meet Clean Air Act requirements, and to truck in water from other regions.

The region I represent in California is ground zero for this contamination and the Federal Government needs to step up and take responsibility.

Including my bill as a provision to S. 203 will go a long way to protect children and elderly in California from dangerous health risks.

The House of Representatives has already twice passed H.R. 18 and I am glad the Senate has moved forward in approving my legislative proposal.

The communities in my district need this assistance, and I urge my colleagues to please support S. 203 and the many important provisions and bills included therein.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BETHLEHEM CENTERS OF NASHVILLE AS ONE OF THE TOP RATED CHILD CARE CENTERS IN THE COUNTRY

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 26, 2006*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize Bethlehem Centers of Nashville and express my heartfelt congratulations on their fourth year to receive a three-star rating from Tennessee Department of Human Services for their child care services.

Founded in 1894 as the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, today the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville serve thousands of children, young adults, adult women and senior citizens in the North Nashville and downtown neighborhoods. Bethlehem Centers provide a variety of services designed to support individuals regardless of their economic background.